

N.C. Oil and Gas Commission

Minutes of the Tuesday, 6 May 2025 Meeting*

The meeting of the Oil and Gas Commission took place at 9:00 A.M. on 6 May 2025 in the Ground Floor Hearing Room of the Archdale Bldg. at 512 N. Salisbury St. in Raleigh, hosted by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Attendance of the meeting was also available via Webex video-conferencing service.

Chair John T. Lucey opened the meeting with a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Lucey read the Elections and Ethics Enforcement Act to the Commission and asked for concerns of potential conflict. None were given.

Staff conducted a roll-call attendance. In attendance: **Commissioner Stanford D. Baird** (remote), **Commissioner John Droz, Jr.** (remote), **Commissioner J. Cody Edwards** (remote), Chair Lucey (remote), **Vice-Chair James C. Lister** (remote), **Commissioner Rebecca Wyhof Salmon** (remote), **Commissioner Dr. William Vizuite** (remote), and **Commissioner John D. White II** (remote). **Commissioner Karen A. Howard** was absent. Eight of nine members of the Commission were present, and a quorum was declared.

Chair Lucey asked for revisions or additions to the Agenda from the Commission. **DOJ Assistant Attorney General Sarah Zambon** clarified that in order to move the 15A NCAC 05C (05C) rules forward the Commission needed to approve the Hearing Officer's Report (HOR), approve the Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA), and adopt the 05C rules as meeting actions.

NCGS Section Chief Dwain Veach was introduced to the Commission by **NCGS Senior Geologist Jim Chapman** as the new State Geologist.

Chair Lucey moved the meeting to approving the 1st quarter 2025 Commission meeting minutes from January. Commissioner Droz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. After a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to a summary of the Rules Review Committee's recommendations regarding the HOR, given by DEQ staff. Based on the recommendation from the Rules Review Committee, Commissioner Droz made a motion to approve the HOR, seconded by Commissioner Baird. After a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to approving the RIA. Commissioner Droz made a motion to approve the RIA, seconded by Commissioner Baird. After a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to adopting the 05C rules. Commissioner Droz made a motion to adopt the 05C rules, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. After a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to the 15A NCAC 05H readoption timeline. Staff provided a

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summary of timeline expectations from the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) and the Rules Review Commission (RRC).

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to inquiries made to the North Carolina Geological Survey concerning oil or gas exploration interest. Staff reported that there had not been any inquiries since the last Commission meeting beyond the on-going discussions concerning developing the existing wells in Lee County, owned by Dan Butler.

Chair Lucey moved the discussion to public comments. Ms. Keely (call-in) offered comments concerning environmental issues in Lee County.

Chair Lucey asked for concluding remarks from the Commission. Vice-Chair Lister reminded the Commissioners that Statement of Economic Interest was due by April 15.

Chair Lucey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vizuite made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Salmon seconded the motion. A roll call vote to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved.

Chair Lucey adjourned the meeting.

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